

2022 – 2023 RHETORIC SCHOOL PROFILE



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Cary Christian School (CCS) enters our 27th year as a Christian, classical, independent, non-denominational, co-educational, K-12 day-school, accredited by the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS) since 2002. CCS is a member of NACAC and NACCAP. We serve 240 high school students with a low student/teacher ratio of 14:1 and total enrollment K-12 of 835. The school is located near the Research Triangle area of North Carolina in Cary. CCS cultivates academic and spiritual strength, developing the habits of the mind in a way that develops the habits of the soul. Our strong classical Honors curriculum challenges students to listen carefully, think clearly, reason persuasively, and articulate precisely. We aim to instill wisdom, eloquence, and excellence, preparing students for future success in higher education, work, community, and life.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS for the Class of 2023

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English	4 credits	Classical Literature, *Medieval Literature, *European Literature, American Literature
Mathematics	4 credits	Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, AP® Statistics, AP® Calculus AB
Science	4 credits	Human Physiology, *Environmental Biology, AP® Biology, *Chemistry, Physics, AP® Physics 1: Algebra-Based (Note: All science classes include labs.)
History/Social Studies	4 credits	Classical History, *Medieval History, *European History, *United States History and Government
Bible	3 credits	Theology I and II, Apologetics
Rhetoric	4 credits	Rhetoric I, Rhetoric II: Oration, Rhetoric III: Style, Rhetoric IV: Thesis
Foreign Language	3 credits	Greek I, Spanish I, Spanish II
Student Option	1 credit	Spanish III or Government/Economics
Seminar	3 credits	Seminar I: Foundations, Seminar: Modern, Seminar: American (Note: Grade for Seminar is not included in GPA.)
Electives	1.5 credits	Dramatic Arts or Visual Arts, Music, and PE (.5 credits/subject)
Credits required for graduation	31.5 credits	Each graduating class after 2021 will add a year of Bible, Rhetoric, and Seminar until 4 years are offered and required. Some credits may be waived for transfer students or those with special circumstances.

Note: All core courses are Honors or AP®. Students may take three of the four AP® classes offered: AP® Biology, AP® Physics, and AP® Calculus or AP® Statistics. We limit AP® Exam Only options to those that correspond to our AP® Classes and 11 others that relate to our curriculum. Extra GPA weighting is given to a corresponding Honors class (*) for students who pass AP® Exams with a 3 or above.

COURSE LOAD AND SCHEDULE

Effective 2020-2021, the standard course load for high school students is eight Honors classes each year with two optional elective classes per semester. We operate on a block schedule with four 80-minute classes on an alternating A-day and B-day schedule. (Previously we offered six 55-minute classes every day.)

There is one 55-minute elective period each day, and electives are offered either M/W/F or T/Th as a single semester or dual semester course and earn .5 credits per semester. Music and Art electives offered for 2022-2023 include Band, Chorus, Music Appreciation, Drama, History of Film, Drawing, Photography, Portfolio, Studio Art, and Yearbook. Academic Electives include Christian Motifs in Film, Personal Finance, Deep-Dive into Romans, Deep-Dive into Revelation, College Seminar, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Intro to Engineering, Intro to Computer Programming: Python, Intro to Interior Design, Life Skills, Literary Classics: 1984, Politics and Public Policy, and Strategic Games. PE Electives are Archery and Strength/Weight Training.

STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE					GRADING SCALE						CLASS OF 2023 DECILES BY GPA		
Class of 2023 Mean Scores as of Mid-August 2022													
	EBRW Mean	Math Mean	Mid 50%	Mean	%	Grade	Description	Rubric	Honors Classes	AP Classes	Percentile	WGPA	UGPA
rSAT	663	622	1170-1410	1285	90-100	A	Excellent	Masters Standards	5.0	6.0	Top 10%	5.29-5.30	4.0
ACT			23-31	27	80-89	B	Achieving	Meets Standards	4.0	5.0	20%	5.20-5.28	4.0
					70-79	C	Satisfactory	Approaches Standards	3.0	4.0	30%	5.15-5.19	4.0
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023	SEMIFINALIST			6	0-69	F	Failing	Does not meet standards	0.0	0.0	40%	5.05-5.14	4.0
	COMMENDED			4							50%	5.00-5.04	3.90-3.99
COVID-19 Response											60%	4.90-4.99	3.85-3.98
In 2022-2023 we are operating fully in person as we did 2021-2022. During 2020-2021, students attended classes in person and online. Academic standards remained in place with consistent grading, homework, assessments, and expectations. Students were placed in pods, and we implemented two-week quarantines with remote learning as needed. Overall, most of our students were in person and able to participate in electives, school activities and clubs, and abbreviated sports seasons. In March 2020, CCS shifted to online learning after completing three full quarters in person. The requirement for 2nd semester final exams was removed. For students who did not transition well to online learning, an option was given to average Q1, Q2, and Q3 to get a grade for Q4, provided all assignments for Q4 were completed. If applicable, it is noted on the transcript.											70%	4.70-4.89	3.70-3.84
											80%	4.50-4.69	3.50-3.69
											90%	3.95-4.49	3.20-3.49
											Bottom 10 %	3.94 and below	3.48 and below

SPECIAL FEATURES and ACADEMICS

RHETORIC: Students take four years of Rhetoric classes to develop the skills of eloquent, logical, and persuasive argumentation with the goal of promoting excellence in written and oral communication skills.

SENIOR THESIS: Seniors research, write, and then present and defend their 15-25 page Senior Thesis papers before a faculty panel, allowing them to demonstrate their knowledge and rhetoric skills.

SENIOR SERVICE PRACTICUM: The senior class participates in a weeklong service-oriented trip where students engage in building projects, community service, and Christian ministry opportunities.

HONORS ALGEBRA I: The 8th grade curriculum includes Algebra I, which allows students to take four additional years of math beyond Algebra I.

BIBLE: We are transitioning to four years of Bible classes. Current seniors will have taken three years of Bible classes to help them understand and articulate Christian doctrine in the context of other worldviews.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL: Tours to international destinations are offered to students in the Rhetoric school. Past/future destinations include Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, and Wales. These opportunities were restricted due to the pandemic.

SCHOOL HONORS: On a quarterly and annual basis, students are recognized for strong academic performance. Students with all A's are recognized on the *Dean's List with Distinction*. Students with A's and no more than two B's are recognized on the *Dean's List*. Students who have received either recognition all year have *Dean's List* notated on their transcript under Honors.

CLASS RANK: CCS does not compute class rank due to its small graduating class size and rigorous academic coursework. Class rank will only be designated at the end of the year to the valedictorian and salutatorian of the graduating class.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION RATE: On average, 94% of our students matriculate to a 4-year college or university with 6% of our students matriculating to a 2-year college, joining the military, taking a gap year, or pursuing career training.

REPORTING POLICY: We will disclose disciplinary infractions resulting in expulsion or suspension during a student's time in high school at CCS.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: Students are offered a variety of leadership opportunities in Clubs, Community Development, Communications, House, and Student Representatives. With over 25 Clubs, students organize, lead, and implement programs and activities. The Community Development program allows students to lead the school community in worship, social, and service activities. Members of the Communications Team lead, coordinate and implement schoolwide communications. The House System (6th-12th grades) provides opportunities for older students to mentor younger students and build community within the Upper School. Student Representatives provide feedback to Administration and organize their grade as needed.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: Active clubs on campus for 2022-2023 include 11:11, Armed Forces Appreciation (AFA), Art, Audio Visual Lighting, Body of Believers, Business and Finance, Chess, Classical Music, Community Connections, Cross Culture, Debate, Engineering, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Health Careers, Imaginative Writing Club, Knights Go Green, Latin and Classics, Literature, Outdoor Games, Outdoors, Red Cross, Songwriters, Society of St. Monica, Songwriters, Story Tellers, Volleyball, Sports Ethics, Theatre, Water Clean Up, Women in Business, Yarns and Crafts, and Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

ATHLETICS: Varsity sports include baseball, basketball, cross-country, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track, swimming, volleyball, and wrestling. Junior varsity teams are usually offered in basketball, football, and volleyball. Students must maintain a 2.5 UGPA to participate in sports activities. Cary Christian School is a 3A member of the North Carolina Independent High School Athletic Association (NCISAA) and the Capital City Conference.

ARTS AND SCIENCES: Yearly Drama activities include two full-length school productions, a Regional NCTC One-Act Festival submission, and an in-house 24-hour theatre festival which consists of student-directed plays. The Visual Arts program takes part in community and school art exhibits, as well as offers a wide variety of elective classes including studio art, drawing, and portfolio. The school chorus and band perform at community-wide events and seasonal concerts. The audition-only Chamber Choir travels and performs over spring break. CCS has participated in a Robotics competition and the American Mathematics Contest.

2019-2022 ACCEPTANCES and MATRICULATIONS

The University of Alabama
University of Alabama-Birmingham
Alvernia University
Anderson University*
Appalachian State University*
Auburn University*
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College*
Belmont University*
Boston University
Bridgewater College
Bryant University
UC - Davis
UC - Los Angeles
UC - San Diego
Campbell University*
Cape Fear Community College*
Case Western Reserve University
Cedarville University*
Central Carolina Community College*
Centenary University
Charleston Southern University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
The Citadel
Coastal Carolina University
Colorado School of Mines
CSU - Fort Collins
Columbia University
University of Connecticut
Covenant College
Davidson College

Dordt University
Drake University
Duke University*
East Carolina University*
East Tennessee State University*
Eckerd College
Emory University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Southern College*
Florida State University
University of Florida*
Fordham University
Gardner-Webb University
Georgetown College
University of Georgia
Gordon College
Green Mountain College
Grove City College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University*
Hofstra University
Houghton College
University of Illinois - Chicago
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Kansas State University
University of Kansas
King University
King's College London
The King's College*

Lee University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University*
Lipscomb University*
Loyola University Maryland
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Mercer University
Meredith College
University of Michigan
Middle Tennessee State University
Montreat College
University of Mount Olive*
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University*
NC A & T State University
UNC Chapel Hill*
UNC Charlotte*
UNC Greensboro
UNC Wilmington*
North Carolina State University*
North Carolina Wesleyan College
North Greenville University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Oral Roberts University
Otterbein University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
Princeton University*
Queens University of Charlotte*
Roanoke College

Rollins College
Rose-Hillman Institute of Technology
Samford University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
U of SC - Columbia*
St. Andrews University*
University of Tennessee Knoxville
Texas A & M
Texas Christian University
University of Texas Austin
Texas Tech University
University of Toronto
Tri County Tech College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy*
United States Military Academy*
Union College
Utah State University
Virginia Tech*
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Wake Technical Comm. College*
Washington and Lee University
University of West London
Western Carolina University
William Peace University*
Wingate University
Wofford College
University of Wyoming
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